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OLEOMARGARINE  
 PRODUCTION DURING MAY 1938  
 WITH COMPARISONS

Slightly more than 28,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine were produced in the United States in May 1938, according to reports of oleomargarine manufacturers to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This amount was approximately 500,000 pounds less than the amount manufactured during May 1937 but about 3,600,000 pounds more than the May 5-year (1933-37) average.

Again in May, as in April, a trend toward increased production of product manufactured from animal and vegetable oils was apparent. The ratio of animal and vegetable was 12 and vegetable and nut 88, which compares with 10 and 90, respectively, for April of this year.

The proportion of uncolored and colored has remained unchanged for several months at 99.6 to 0.4.

DATE	ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS		VEGETABLE AND NUT OILS		TOTAL
	Uncolored	Colored	Uncolored	Colored	
- Pounds -					
May 1938 .....	3,293,018	45,723	24,624,408	76,605	28,039,754
May 1937 .....	3,364,363	63,207	25,063,858	65,630	28,557,058
May 5-year average (1933-37) ..	3,393,098	168,650	20,774,422	83,642	24,419,812
- 1938 -					
February .....	3,029,144	55,691	32,341,786	86,158	35,512,779
March .....	3,642,401	59,803	36,116,604	100,586	39,919,394
April .....	3,222,603	49,853	28,548,070	84,209	31,904,735
- Yearly Totals -					
Total 1937 .....	40,320,500	747,882	349,476,677	955,266	391,500,325
" 1936 .....	48,090,115	1,418,664	340,137,276	1,252,297	390,898,352
" 1935 .....	46,087,165	1,889,726	329,764,298	935,580	378,676,769
" 1934 .....	52,511,137	2,128,893	207,468,074	791,550	262,899,654
" 1933 .....	40,719,206	1,800,690	199,008,664	702,813	242,231,373

